

(b) and (c) Proposals have been received and the matter is being examined.

(d) This would be considered at the appropriate time.

Private Electricity Producing Companies working in the State at present.

*Q.—693. Sri S. GOPALA GOWDA (Thirthahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number and names of private Electricity Producing Companies working in the State at present together with place of their location and ownership, amount and cost of production, consumers to whom and the purpose for which and the rate at which electricity is supplied ;

(b) whether the labourers of these companies are being given regularly salary, dearness allowance, leave, gratuity and other facilities as required under the law ;

(c) whether it is not a fact that complaints have been received by the Government from the consumers about the unsatisfactory working of these Companies ;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government had taken a decision once about nationalisation of these Companies ;

(e) if so, the compelling reasons for abandoning such a decision ;

(f) whether any correspondence had been made between the Mysore State Electricity Board and the Government about the nationalisation of these companies ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) *Vide* Statements I and II placed on the Table of the House. [Placed in the Mysore Legislative library *Vide* No. 3/L.A. December 63]

(b) Salary, Dearness Allowance, Leave and facilities as required under law are provided by the Companies in conformity with rules of service condition prevailing in each company. Gratuity is provided by the Amalgamated Electricity Company, Belgaum only.

(c) Complaints were only received from the consumers of the Electricity Companies of Athani, Ramdurg, Rabkavi and Belgaum.

(d) Yes.

(e) On the advice of the Government of India.

(f) The Mysore State Electricity Board was apprised of the position